

## LABOR SPLIT ON POLICY

### Two Reports to Federation on "Industrial Unionism"

**WILL BE DISCUSSED TO-DAY**  
**Convention Votes Down Resolu.**

Rochester, Nov. 18.—The

Labor is to adopt industrial unionism in place of its present policy of recognizing, except in certain instances, the autonomy of trade or craft organizations will be discussed to-morrow. Near the close of this afternoon's meeting the committee

on education reported on a resolution for the adoption of industrial unionism. A majority of the committee voted for its rejection and a minority favored industrial unionism, where practicable, and where not practicable, a close federation of trade unions for unified action.

The resolution was introduced by John Mitchell, Duncan McDonald, John P. White, Frank J. Hayes, William Green

Whereas, The lines are being more closely drawn between capital and labor; and,

Whereas, The capitalists of the country have organized the National Manufacturers' Association and other large employers' organizations, compact, cohesive bodies, having for their purpose the destruction of the trades union movement;

Resolved, That in order to combat these corrupt and powerful organizations of employers and labor, this convention adopts and indorses the plan of organization by industries instead of by crafts which often divides the forces of labor; and that the officers of the American Federation of Labor be instructed to use every effort to bring this about, and that they visit the different labor conventions and

The majority of the committee desired to substitute for the resolution the autonomy declaration of the Scranton convention in 1901, which favored the retention of the policy of recognizing and maintaining craft or trade autonomy in so far as it was compatible with modern organization of industry.

An hour of the afternoon session was given over to an address by Lewis T. Bryant, Commissioner of Labor of New

Resolutions adopted condemned the private detectives, said to be used to break strikes in West Virginia; favored the development of state universities along the Wisconsin extension plan; commended the movement for wider use of school buildings and urged their use for labor meet-

Just before the close of the session

President Gompers read a clipping from a newspaper in which he was quoted as expressing satisfaction at the recent defeat for re-election of Victor Berger, the Milwaukee Socialist Representative, and said:

"The report is absolutely untrue. I have not directly or indirectly said or intimated that I found satisfaction in the defeat of Mr. Berger."

The first bomb of the convention came

when the resolutions committee reported in favor of excluding religious discussions in future conventions, and recommended that representatives of all religious or-

ganizations be denied the use of the convention platforms. After a long debate the convention overwhelmingly voted to allow religious discussions.

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## TOLD TO SHOOT STRIKERS

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### More Militia Rushed to West Virginia Coal Fields.

Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 13.—Four additional companies of state militia are being rushed to the coal strike district

Armed miners are marching toward Paint Creek to "clean it up." Militia now in the field has been ordered to halt the miners and shoot to kill if necessary. Miners shof up two small villages to-day, but there were no fatalities.

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